

TAFT IS CERTAIN OF NOMINATION.

Only Thing in Doubt is Size of His Vote at Chicago.

MAY BREAK 1908 RECORD

Sentiment Growing in Big Republican States That He is the Only Man of His Party Who Can Be Elected This Year—Voters Satisfied With Administration's Policies.

President William H. Taft is on a fair road to re-nomination as the Republican standard bearer in the campaign of 1912. With approximately 100 delegates to the Chicago convention already instructed for him, the president is more than likely to break his record of 1908, when he was nominated with 702 votes on the first ballot in the Chicago convention of that year. There is no longer any question that he will be re-nominated, and the only question now puzzling the managers of the Taft campaign is the completeness of his victory.

Coupled with the assurance of his re-nomination is the growing sentiment in the big Republican states both east and west that President Taft is the only Republican candidate who can possibly be elected this fall. It will be recalled readily enough that when Mr. Taft took office three years ago, March 4 last, the great issues of tariff

with the alternative of a change in administration, a change in policy and a continuation of business depression and general unrest.

In estimating the probabilities of President Taft's re-nomination and election it is necessary to recur only to recent history. The president carried every northern state in 1908. Between the election of that year and 1910 occurred the tariff legislation known as the Payne tariff law. It is a well known maxim of politics that that party which revises the tariff is defeated at the next election, and the only exception to the rule in recent years was the passage of the Dingley law, which was followed so closely by the outbreak of the Spanish-American war as to bury the tariff issue in a wave of patriotic enthusiasm. The more recent by-elections in the big Republican states east of the Mississippi river, notably in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, have shown a return of Republicans to the fold and a restoration of the old time Republican majorities, which justifies the prediction that they will be safely in the Taft column in November. That they will so unanimously support any other Republican candidate, particularly if the third term issue is injected into the fight, is denied by the best informed leaders in those states.

As to the nomination there is no longer any doubt but that President Taft will have a majority of the delegates both from the north and the south. New England will be practically if not entirely solid for him. He will have sweeping victories in New York, Pennsylvania and the other middle Atlantic states. Ohio has never yet failed to support a favorite son candidate or failed to cast its electoral vote for a Republican candidate for president. Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska,

Chas. Spindler's Weekly Letter on Local Option.

Mr. Editor:

Continuing with Mr. Bigelow's letter and the paragraph relating to Cardinal Farley's reception especially, and wherein Mr. B's mind he stands on this question, I want to say that drinking or indulging in alcoholic drinks cannot be separated from the saloon question.

Even in the Bible we find that public drinking places existed and that our Lord sanctioned public places where wine or strong drinks could be bought.

Doutoronomy 14:26 "And Thou shalt bestow thy money for whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, for oxen or for sheep, or for wine or strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth; and thou shalt eat there before thy Lord and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thine household."

This passage shows the fallacy of the position taken by some temperance agitators that even though wine was used authoritatively in Bible times, it was home-made wine only and not bought and sold and I want to add:

St. Luke 10:34, "and went to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to a inn and took care of him." And to prove that it was fermented wine and not grape juice I cite St. Luke 5:38 and 39 "and no man putteth new wine into old bottles, else the new wine will burst the bottle and the wine be spilled and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put in new bottles, and both are preserved."

These utterances of the Savior prove that he had a general knowledge of the fermenting nature of the wine. Bottles of our modern manufacturing concerns would stand that pressure but at that time the bottles Christ referred to were made of leather. We also find that wine those nineteen centuries ago was beneficial to health. In an advice by St. Paul—First Timothy 5:23, "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities."

However, all these quotations may be considered by Mr. B. and his like-minded friend as sayings, sermons and preachings of apostles only, who may have erred in their teachings, as may a modern minister, and therefore I want to cite one more of Christ's utterances at the Last Supper after breaking bread and handing the cup around viz: St. Matthew 26:29, and this witness testimony is corroborated by St. Mark 14:25, and also by St. Luke, 22:18, reading almost word for word alike: "but I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."

In my old German Bible of 1692 this reads, "Wahrlich ich sage Euch ich werde von nun an nicht mehr von diesem Gewächs mit Euch in meines Vaters Reich."

And in the Italian text we read: San Matteo, Capo 26, Verso 29: "Ora io vado che non berro da ora in poi questo frutto della vite sino a quel giorno che io lo berro nuovo con voi nel regno del Padre mio."

Taking the Bible as proof, can there be a doubt in any Christian's mind that wine was known since Noah, that wine will be eternal and that we will find wine in the kingdom of heaven. And he who believes in a hereafter and objects to drinking of wine no doubt will have to go elsewhere.

The Mohammedans, taking their religious principles from the Koran, the book of Mohammed, drink no wine, because it is against Mohammed's teachings. But instead of indulging in alcoholic drinks Mohammed allows them polygamy and depending upon a Mohammedan's wealth he may have two or more wives and concubines.

The Mormon-Christian Church, founded by Brigham Young, taught polygamy openly in former years and now secretly, because it is against the Civil Code and Constitution of the United States. Too bad, however, that in our wealthy class the old Mormon teachings are often imitated and to attract the public in another direction they howl about saloons and the drinking evil and the thereto attached danger to the family.

And all murder committed, all robbing and looting (El Verano postoffice possibly included) as well as stealing, is laid at the door of the demon alcohol by the anti-drink people, insanity, pauperism, white slave traffic and degeneration included. But it has never been proven—only uttered in the hope that such reliable (with the accent on the lie) information will

make an impression upon the voters.

Take the Jews as a race. They are still following the old Bible—they are moderate drinkers, none of them are prohibitionists or anti saloonists. I have never seen an intoxicated Jew. They are physically, in spite of inter-marriage, a healthy race and have spread all over the world. Would they have lasted as they are today—one of the oldest races—if they had taken to drugs instead of wine and other alcoholic drinks?

In this next paragraph Mr. B. says that this is not a one man's fight, and gives us some of his wisdom by explaining that it takes a majority of the voters to close the road houses.

I say the voters should reflect on what their vote means before casting their ballots on this question—what it means to him and her as a taxpayer and as a citizen.

As a question of personal liberty it is important and as a question of personal and public prosperity it demands earnest consideration.

This Mr. B. keeps to himself. Only "follow me, vote for me, and my principles" as laid down in this letter and fortified by my powerful editor. He does not consider the payment of high taxes at all. This he avoids very carefully.

Whether he has given it any thought or figured it over, I do not know. He goes as far as promising that he will prevent San Francisco's tenderloin to extend its present northern boundary past the Caliente Springs. But he forgets to consider the pocketbooks of the voters in the premises—for instance the required force of constables to trap blind pigs, to hunt blind tigers and to establish that quarantine on the north side of the San Francisco tenderloin or the south side of our valley, wherever his generalship would place the force.

Certainly, that undesirable, immigration could not all be run down with phalanx automobiles.

CHAS. SPINDLER.

Minneapolis, March 6, 1912.

Mr. Editor, "I will finish this paragraph in the next issue."

Rudolph Spreckels Out for La Follette.

A dispatch from San Francisco under date of the 25th inst., says: "With Johnson and Hency candidates for Roosevelt delegates, Rudolph Spreckels has issued a statement for La Follette. He says in part 'I believe the American people really believe in a square deal and the manner in which La Follette was set aside at the last moment must cause a deep resentment on the part of true progressives, who believe in waging war for human rights and equal justice in a straightforward manner. La Follette has gone forward bravely with the odds all against him, never compromising with special privilege or designing politicians, and thereby gives proof of his trust in the people. For my part I hope the people will reward him for his faith in them.'"

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THE Hysteria occasioned by these conditions is now passing away, and the most facts staring the voters in the face are the progressive and definite policies of President Taft and the country following his re-nomination and re-election. These facts are of vital interest to all classes of citizens, especially when they are confronted

BR. BURKE MUST SERVE SENTENCE.

State Supreme Court Upholds Judge Seawell and Refuses Defendant a New Trial.

Dr. W. P. Burke, convicted of attempting to take the lives of Lu Etta Smith and her babe by dynamiting the tent in which they were sleeping on his sanitarium grounds near Santa Rosa, has been denied a new trial by the State Supreme Court. After exhausting every legal remedy to escape the consequences of his diabolical crime he must now serve the ten year's sentence imposed upon him by Judge Seawell many months ago, who gave the convicted man more than a fair trial.

The decision of the higher court is not only a compliment to the legal ability and fairness of Judge Seawell as a trial judge, but will be received with satisfaction by District Attorney Lea and his assistants, G. W. Hoyle and J. W. Ford, who without fear or favor and in the face of powerful influences in the doctor's favor brought him before the court of justice and convicted him with an unbiased and intelligent jury.

Dr. Burke, who has been at liberty on a \$50,000 bail bond, allowed by Judge Denny after he had been refused bail by Judge Seawell, has been taken into custody by Sheriff Jack Smith, who will take the prisoner to San Quentin prison to serve out his sentence. Thus has the motto of the District Attorney's office of Sonoma county, "Let no guilty man escape," again been exemplified in this celebrated case.

The Hay Market

Somers & Co., San Francisco, in their report on the condition of the hay market for the week ending March 25th, say:

"Receipts of hay for the week just passed amounted to 2253 tons, about the same as was received the week previous. There is nothing new to report concerning market conditions; trade is rather quiet and prices are dragging somewhat. Throughout the interior the demand for hay continues fairly active and, in spite of the fact that local conditions are very quiet, there is a feeling of unrest among many connected with the hay trade, presumably on account of the fact that the coming crop has not developed as it should up to the present time. It is true that in some sections things could not be better, yet, at the same time, there are other sections in which conditions are very unsatisfactory. Although the State recently had a considerable rain, yet more moisture is needed in the ground, and right now showers would be welcomed in practically every locality."

"Southern California still continues to draw on our section for its supplies and, although hay is not as eagerly sought by the southern dealers, yet the movement is considerable."

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Doings of the Various Sets in this City and Its Immediate Vicinity--The Goings and Comings and Other Items of General Interest.

Geo. H. Burns of Sebastopol was in town last Tuesday.

Miss Bernice Small visited in San Francisco last Saturday and Sunday.

Ed. Keogh was here from Woodward last Sunday, the guest of relatives.

The Board of City Trustees meet in regular monthly session next Wednesday evening.

Robert LaTorres came up from the metropolis Sunday and spent the day with his folks.

B. F. Cooper of this place, registered at the Hotel Argonaut, San Francisco, last Monday.

Thos. H. Baines, the rustling real estate man of El Verano, transacted business in Santa Rosa Monday.

Miss Beth Trudgen went down to San Francisco on Friday of last week for a visit of several days with relatives.

Mayor M. E. Cummings returned from a week's visit in San Francisco and Oakland last Monday evening.

Mrs. G. A. Goess returned from a visit of several days with Alameda county relatives the latter part of last week.

Jep Valente is rapidly recovering from the effects of a surgical operation performed upon him in the Broadway sanitarium a few weeks ago.

Lawyer R. A. Poppe transacted business in the Superior Court, Santa Rosa, on Monday, in connection with the estate of the late John Skinner.

Mrs. Geo. Engler, who recently underwent a capital surgical operation in St. Francis' hospital, San Francisco, is now resting easy at her home on the Engler farm, and there has been a marked improvement in her condition the past few days. She is being attended to by Dr. Thomson and a trained nurse from the metropolis.

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Oh, Consistency! Thou Art Indeed a Jewel.

To prove the inconsistency of J. K. Bigelow, the leader of the Local Optionist crusaders in their efforts to vote the First Supervisorial district dry and close up every public resort in Sonoma Valley and kill business, we reproduce the following statement issued by him under his own autograph when he was a candidate for Supervisor in the fall of 1908 and was fortunately elected to stay at home. It will be observed there were 61 saloons in Sonoma Valley then as there are now—always 61, no more no less—according to his own figures, and as they were conducted then so are they conducted now. This "statement" of the leader of the fanatical Local Optionists not only goes to prove his inconsistency but emphasizes what has been claimed in these columns right along that the closing of our summer resorts and saloons will inflict a great financial loss on the people of our valley. Mr. Bigelow's "statement" follows *verbatim et literatim*:

"Statement to the Liquor Interests: Read this over carefully, and then read it over again, and sleep on it, and then read it over once again and I am sure when the time comes to vote, you will believe what I say and not vote against your own interest. And that you will find in me a friend to every decent saloon in this district.

"There are 61 saloons in this Valley now.
"Will twice that many help your business any?
"You are trying to run a decent business now.
"Will one more saloon beside you and one across the road help you to keep your cash box full, and your business clean?

"When a man comes in and passes your license over the bar and says one dollar for delivering it, is it a hold up?

"When a friend of Mr. Hart comes in and says that if Bigelow is elected, he will close you up, or that he will raise your license he is lying, and you ought to know it. I am satisfied with the number of saloons in this valley, but do not want any more road houses on the county roads and that is all. As for high license, you are now paying all you can stand with only four months of a good sales and eight months of just enough business to keep you from the poor house.

"They will tell you that I hire Japs. I hire on the average of ten men per day throughout the year. Three of these are Japs and they have charge of my chicken ranch—clean the chicken houses, and kill the lice. Do you want the job?

"If there are no more saloon licenses granted on the roads of this valley do you know what it will mean for you? I will tell you, because the man that talks over the bar knocking Bigelow, will not. It means that, should you wish to sell out, that you could get a good price for your license, because that is the only way a new man can get into business—he must buy your license.

"The southern part of this state will send to the next Legislature its Representatives mostly pledged to the local option law. Do you know what that means of it is passed? If you don't, look it up, and you will find that if the saloons are doubled in this valley—and it comes to a show down—that the people will rise on a wave of reform and vote you out of business altogether. Don't laugh at this but take the trouble to write to the California Brewers' Association, or the California Wine Association, and ask them what they think about it.

If the saloons are closed in this valley, it means as great a loss to me as it does to you, as I own over seven hundred acres of land here and rent one hundred more.

I am sending this to you so that when the time comes to vote, that you will vote intelligently, and by so doing, you will vote for the best interests of this valley, and yourselves.

Truly yours,
(Signed) J. K. BIGELOW.

JUDGE DENNY

RENDERS DECISION

Disagrees With Attorney General Webb and District Attorney Lea and Decides Primary not a General Election

The long deferred decision of Judge Denny in the Local Option contest instituted by J. K. Bigelow was rendered last Thursday. The decision is very brief and in substance decides that the Presidential primary election is not a general election and therefore the Local Option election in the First Supervisorial district cannot be held on that day and the county put to an additional expense of \$1500 for holding a separate election.

In his decision Judge Denny among other things intimates that the question is a very close one and that there was merit in the contention of the District Attorney and that both he and the Supervisors were absolutely honest in their beliefs that the Presidential primary was a general and not a special election.

In granting the writ of mandate the Supervisors are commanded to

immediately convene and set the date, but as the law requiring five days' notice must be given of a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the fulfilling of the court order will come within the regular meeting of the Supervisors which will occur on Monday. As stated by district attorney Lea at the court hearing the Supervisors in setting the local option election for May 14 acted solely upon his advice as their legal adviser.

SEEHUBER IS STILL AT LARGE.

Young Chas. Seehuber, the alleged assailant of Helen Wheaton, whose capture seemed certain on Friday of last week, is still at large. He is in hiding not far from town and will eventually be captured by Deputy Sheriff Joe Ryan, who is hot on his trail.

The Sudden Ranch Sold

The James Sudden place of 100 acres, located a few miles north of town, has been sold to J. Gilmaker of San Francisco. The mountain ranch of Mrs. Read has also been sold to Mr. Mattson of San Rafael. Both sales were effected through the real estate agency of A. R. Entelmann of this city.

Afraid of Ghosts

Many people are afraid of ghosts. Few people are afraid of germs. Yet the ghost is a fancy and the germ is a fact. If the germ could be magnified to a size equal to its terrors it would appear more terrible than any fire-breathing dragon. Germs can't be avoided. They are in the air we breathe, the water we drink.

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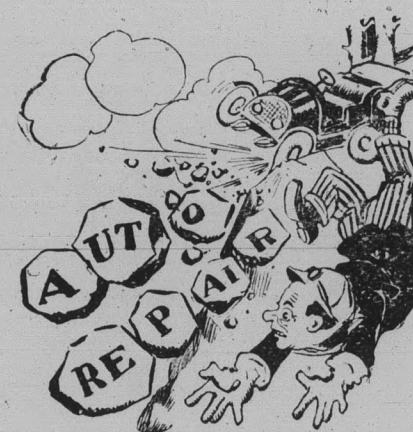
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"Jim" Tells in an Interesting Way all About the Week's Happenings in and About His Section of the Valley.

Miss Alice Church returned to the Bay City on Monday afternoon after a few day's visit with her parents.

Mrs. Al Trautvetter of Brookside Cottage on the Hyde tract is visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco.

Walter Bundschu returned from a visit to the bay cities Monday. Sure he looked pleasant and happy. Why not?

Otto Gerike, Sr. and son Bertrand of Alta Vista, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Groskopf, Sr., Sunday.

Edward Mitchell of San Francisco was a visitor here on Sunday and all his Vineburg friends were glad to see pleasant Edward again.

M. Robin DeLataur, chef of Vineyard Villa, was a passenger on Wednesday's train for the metropolis, where he will spend a few days.

William Bloch, or as the ladies call him, our Willie, represented Vineburg at the Native Son's ball in Santa Rosa last Saturday evening and reports a swell time.

E. M. Barron, the carpenter and contractor, is now engaged in erecting a residence for D. Volquardson on the Graves tract, North Vineburg. Watch Vineburg boom.

Albert Groskopf Jr., took a jaunt on his new motorcycle above Sebastopol Sunday and returned home the same day. If he didn't make record time, he came very near it.

Michael Cummings, Sonoma City's popular Mayor, was a visitor at this burg Tuesday last, and from all appearances is as popular here as he is in the Bear Flag City.

We had the pleasure of shaking hands with two old friends one day last week. One was Jack Wilson of Locust Grove and the other Frank Guilfoyle of Shellville. Only a few more of us left.

All my fair assistants have deserted this week, and for what reason I do not know, unless it is that they are busy getting their sky pieces in shape for Easter Sunday. Watch the dreams.

Paul Robin, one of Sonoma City's best known tenors, passed through this burg Sunday on his way to San Francisco accompanied by his family. Moose, wonder you don't say hello to a fellow once in a while.

Miss Mary Batto, who has been spending several weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Batto of this place, returned to the metropolis Sunday, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. August Figone.

Richard Elder, better known to his legion of friends as Dick Elder, was a visitor at Vineburg one day this week. He was accompanied by Emil Albers, formerly of the One Mile House. Both gentlemen are always welcome in this section.

Jim Small, we understand, will soon accept a new position as fireman in the new fruit drier being erected by Eph Cutter near Vineburg. Jim used to fire for the Sonoma Valley railroad years ago, and he done his work so well that they fired him.

On the account of the serious illness of two of Vineburg's most respected citizens, Enrico Forni has decided to postpone the opening of his new building for the present. Due notice will be given when the opening occurs.

James L. Modini, who in the near future will conduct a moving picture show in this vicinity, has already engaged some of his talent for vaudeville, having brought the famous banjoist, Jimmie Taylor, from the east. Mr. Modini has his eye on other talent and is sure to win out.

Yes, that was a warm game of baseball that was played on last Saturday afternoon in San Luis between the Huichica and San Luis Schools. At the close of the game the score stood: Huichica, 31; San Luis, 21. If it was not for the Huichica boys San Luis would win out sure. Just wait for the return game. Wow!



Ray Cooper was a passenger on the south-bound train Saturday morning en route to the Bay City.

Messrs. Fred Batto, Hoppe and Hiser motored to Pataluma on Wednesday where they transacted business.

Arthur Batto returned home Saturday evening after a week's visit in San Francisco, well pleased with his trip.

Among other visitors in this burg this week was Sonoma's well known attorney at law and Notary Public H. P. Mathewson.

Steve Griffith has returned home from St. Helena after taking treatment for rheumatism. We understand he is getting along nicely.

EASY JIM.

Vineburg, March 29, 1912.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. MERRIAM

Expired at Her Home in Oakland Thursday After Brief Illness

Mrs. Annette Merriam, for many years a resident of this valley and who removed to Oakland a number of years ago, died at her home in that city Thursday after a brief illness. Mrs. Merriam was the widow of the late W. P. Merriam and a daughter of the late James McMackin, a pioneer resident of Shellville. She was a native of Madison, Ohio, and aged 64 years. She is survived by an only daughter, Miss Emma Merriam, who is well provided for in her mother's will.

Voters Attention!

As the boundaries of a number of precincts in the County were changed on the 10th day of January, 1912, every voter who expects to vote upon his registration prior to that date, should immediately ascertain if he is properly registered, or else he may be denied the privilege of voting at the Presidential Primary.

A person now residing in a different precinct from the one in which he had registered prior to January 10, 1912, and who has not since registered, is not entitled to vote at the May Primary.

Registration closes April 13th, 1912, for Presidential Primary of May 14th.

W. W. FELT, Jr., County Clerk.

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LOCAL OPTION ELECTION LEGAL ON MAY 14.

Attorney General Webb Anticipates Judge Denny's Deferred Decision and Sustains the Supervisors

A dispatch from Sacramento, under date of March 26th, says: "Under an opinion, rendered late yesterday by Attorney-General Webb, it will be possible to hold local option elections on saloon issues at the same time as the Presidential preference primary election, May 14, but the local option subject must go on a separate ballot. This opinion was rendered in answer to a question to ascertain whether or not the Presidential preference primary election is a general election."

Attorney-General Webb holds that the primary election is a special election, and quotes the law showing that the elections, such as the selection of State officers, Congressmen and the like are plainly denominated "general elections" in the law.

This opinion of Attorney-General Webb effectually disposes of J. K. Bigelow and his silly mandamus proceedings brought in Judge Denny's court against the Board of Supervisors to restrain them from calling the Local Option election in the First Supervisorial district on May 14th, the date of the Presidential primary election, claiming that an effort was being made to "job the people." May 14th was selected by the Supervisors on the advice of District Attorney Lea, whose action is now endorsed by the Attorney-General of the State, and—there you are.

KEECHLER VS. THE SONOMA BREWERY.

The Foreclosure Suit Instituted Against John Steiner, Ex-Promotor and President of the Brewery, Again Bobs Up.

The suit instituted in Judge Denny's department of the Superior Court several months ago by Joseph Keechler against John Steiner, ex-president, promotor and director of the Sonoma Brewing Co., to recover the sum of \$3,500 and interest due on a promissory note executed by Steiner and bequeathed to the stockholders of his company after he had got out of it, again bobbed up in Judge Denny's court Monday.

A demurrer and motion were submitted and taken under advisement by his honor. Quite an array of legal talent took part in the proceedings in behalf of the several parties involved in the law suit. Lawyer Oates represented the brewery people, attorneys Robert A. Poppe and A. B. Ware appeared for Keechler and counsellor T. J. Geary looked out for the interests of Steiner, who also sued the company for something over \$700 alleged to be due him from those who are his sureties on his \$3,500 note made in favor of Keechler.

We might here remark that the Sonoma Brewery, notwithstanding its many trials and tribulations, is out of debt and is still doing business at the old stand.

Accident

The little six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore, while at play at his home in the southern suburbs of town, one day this week, fell and broke his left arm. Dr. Leix was sent for and set the fracture and the little fellow is now doing as well as could be expected.

Moving Pictures at Union Hall Sunday Night

At Union Hall tomorrow (Sunday) evening there will be moving pictures of the Italian-Turkish war on reels 1,400 feet in length. In addition to this three other reels will be exhibited. The admission will be 10c.

Baseball

Tomorrow (Sunday) will be the last practice game of the Sonoma baseball club, when the players will be chosen. On Sunday, April 7th, the local team will play its first regular game, and the boys ought to attract a fair turnout of our people. The club wishes to thank J. Picetti, the local furniture man, for having leveled the ditch on its ball grounds. John, the boys promise to stay by you when they build and furnish a home of their own.

Wanted—A lady handy at sewing to help in tailor shop. Apply to J. B. Parrent, ladies and gents tailor.

High License.

By Carl Dresel.

In Philadelphia years ago there were over 900 saloons that sold only wine and beer. These were small concerns just making a fair living.

Never would you find in these places cases of intoxication. They were eminently decent and law-abiding. They sold wine and beer by the glass and furnished wine to the households of their patrons.

When I traveled East in the interest of my vineyards, I soon found that these places were my only chance to dispose of a superior California wine—the large wholesale houses only bought the cheapest article to be procured. These saloons found it profitable to give the customers the best wine of California, as it was superior to the common imported and much cheaper than the fine imported wines.

The Anti-Saloon craze came along and as it was not strong enough to close up all the saloons, high license carried the day as a substitute. Six hundred of these decent saloons were killed outright by this means, but every one of the objectionable places survived; as it seems they had the money to meet the increase of \$750 demand.

Among the closed-out saloon keepers was a man who, having been crippled by a premature blast on his farm had through the intervention of friends in Philadelphia, removed his family to that city and opened one of these wine saloons. He had been a political refugee of 1848 and an assistant lecturer at one of the German Universities. He had a family of eleven children when he opened up at Philadelphia, nine of them boys. One of these was studying at Harvard, another had entered John Hopkins at Baltimore and a third had just passed his entrance exams. All these boys had to give up their college career and look for work to help the crippled parent and their old mother in caring for them, the other children and themselves. The old gentleman became despondent, as he realized that the chance had been taken from him of giving his children the education they deserved, and he died from a broken heart six months after his livelihood had been confiscated by the Anti-W. C. T. U. prohibs, and his wife soon followed him to his grave.

Now, I call this a murder much more deplorable than that committed by the weaking husband and father of the woman and child that visited the Governor in Rev. Bane's story, to solicit the pardon of a weaking who, in a drunken frenzy, killed a man and had received a life sentence. I do not tell you this sad history in order to pass around the contribution box and solicit for monthly subscriptions ranging from \$25 to five cents. All I wish is to induce you to reflect and weigh these matters in your mind and let your vote be influenced by cool reflection and equity.

I used to send three carloads annually (that is about 9000 gallons) of our best wines to these Philadelphia wine saloons. Since the high license I do not sell a single gallon there, but the whiskey consumption has increased in proportion.

High license does not improve the saloon. On the contrary, it deteriorates the place. The saloon people are not in the business to make inebriates of the community. They want to make money.

When a license is raised to such a pitch that the profit is taken out of the business, you will invariably find that the unscrupulous are those that pay the license and the decent saloon keepers drop out. The former will sell cheap or adulterated stuff and use all means, fair or foul, to make up the license expense.

Just as it is the case in prohibition territory, blind pigs, or whatever you will call illegitimate sellers of liquor, will spring into existence and the general moral tone of your community will suffer as sure as twice two is four.

In an ethical sense what is high license or prohibition? Nothing but highway robbery.

There is no more reason to demand a high license of a saloon keeper than there is to demand the same license of a preacher of the gospel or a chicken farmer who come into a community at peace and stir up strife and ill-feeling. On the contrary, the latter are more dangerous than the average American saloon keeper, bad as he may be, for even without adequate regulation he does not enter the church to regulate its affairs.

High license is only another form of prohibition. You will always find that the rabid prohibitionist will advocate high license. Only witness your local prohibitionist organ. Prohibitionist *excellence*, it has been preaching for extinction of the saloon by advocating no license. Now, it asks you to vote for high license. It is not one of the "whole hog or nothing" kind. It is satisfied to take the little finger if it cannot have the whole hand.

I have no fault to find with the

estimate it gives of Messrs. Hotz and Burris. They are both estimable gentlemen. The only fault I can find with them is that they have the mistaken idea that high license is the salvation of Sonoma City. But the slurs with which the prohibition organ mentions the opposing candidates, Messrs. Breitenbach and Johnson, ought to be rebuked by rolling up a handsome majority at the next election for these gentlemen.

Entertainment and Dance.

A jolly little comedy, together with several choice musical numbers, to be followed with a dance, will be given by St. Barbara's Guild at Union Hall on Friday evening, April 12th, at 8 p. m. sharp. Adults, 50c; children between 6 and 14, 25cts; under 6, free.

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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Rose M. Lane, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Gertrude Lane Brown, executrix of the last will and testament of Rose M. Lane, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit to them the necessary vouchers within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the law office of Robert A. Poppe, in the City of Sonoma, in the County of Sonoma, State of California, the same being her place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the County of Sonoma, State of California.

GERTRUDE LANE BROWN, Executrix of the last will and testament of Rose M. Lane, deceased. Dated at Sonoma, California, March 16th, 1912.

ROBERT A. POPPE and A. B. WARE, Attorneys for estate.

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County of Sonoma, ss.
We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are partners transacting business in this State, at the City of Sonoma, in the County of Sonoma, State of California, under the firm name and style of Sonoma Valley Furniture Company; that the names in full of all the members of such partnership are John Picetti and Louis Picetti, and that the places of our respective residences are set opposite our respective names hereto subscribed.
In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this eighth day of March, A. D. 1912.
Names. Residences.
John Picetti Sonoma, Cal.
Louis Picetti Sonoma, Cal.
County of Sonoma, ss.
On this eighth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, before me, Robert A. Poppe, a Notary Public in and for said County of Sonoma, personally appeared John Picetti and Louis Picetti, known to me to be the persons described in and whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office in the County of Sonoma, the day and year in this certificate first above written.
ROBERT A. POPPE,
(Seal) Notary Public, in and for the County of Sonoma, State of California.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION!

Notice is hereby given that a regular municipal election will be held in the City of Sonoma, State of California, on

Monday, April 8th, 1912,

for the following city offices:
1. Member of the Board of Trustees.
2. Member of the Board of Trustees.
3. Clerk.
4. Treasurer.

Also, at said election there shall be submitted the proposition initiated by the electors of said city to increase the licenses of retail liquor dealers to six hundred dollars per annum.

There shall be but one election precinct for the purpose of conducting said municipal election, and that shall embrace all the territory of said city, and all precincts heretofore established by the Board of Supervisors shall and hereby are consolidated into one precinct heretofore mentioned.

The officers to conduct said municipal election are hereby appointed as follows:

Inspectors—L. Breitenbach, B. F. Campbell.
Judges—J. Valente, V. Bulotti.
Clerks—L. H. Green, R. A. Pauli.

Ballot Clerks—D. A. Fussell and Amelia H. Bates.

The polls for said election shall be located on the ground floor of the City Hall, in the center of the plaza, in said city.

The polls will be open from 6 o'clock a. m., to 6 o'clock p. m., except as provided by section 1164 of the Political Code of the State of California.

By order of the Board of Trustees. H. W. GOTTENBERG, City Clerk.

Dated March 6, 1912.

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The wealthy, who, of course, can afford the space, are great for dwarfing many kinds of vegetation. Minute lakes, tiny creeks and rivulets, with miniature waterfalls, surrounded by all that nature provides, are seen in the more expensive gardens.

Another fad among the Japanese is the fantastic in nature.

Many trees and shrubs and, in fact, all types of plants that can be trimmed and trained to represent some form of animal life are so treated that they form great beasts, huge dragons and reptiles.

It seems to give the Japanese gardener great pleasure if he can cause a tree or vine to grow in some curious or uncommon way.

He loves to see what he can make it do that is odd. Upright growths in trees are trained to droop like willows, and weeping branches of the willow and other drooping forms are trained to grow directly opposite to that which nature has provided.

Gardens containing no more than from five to ten square feet of ground are often filled with a variety of fine plants, and these are kept so small they do not crowd each other.

A rose garden in one of the private estates in Japan has over thirty thirty varieties, and none of the bushes is more than five inches in height. The flowers range from the size of a pinhead to the head of a tack. The color and fragrance are both there, however, and the bushes are filled with thorns, but so small they scarcely penetrate the hand.

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County of Sonoma, ss.

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The names of the partners are:

Florindo Nichelini, residing at Sonoma, Calif.

James Joseph Maffei, residing at Sonoma, Calif.

Witness our hands this 7th day of March, 1912.

FLORINDO NICHELINI

JAMES JOSEPH MAFFEI

State of California, ss.

County of Sonoma, ss.

On the 7th day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve, before me personally appeared Florindo Nichelini and James Joseph Maffei, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this 7th day of March, 1912.

HARLEY P. MATHEWSON,

(Notarial Seal) Notary Public.

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Notice.

MRS. J. A. POPPE

Respectfully advises the general public, and her friends in particular, that she has moved her merchandise establishment to her adobe building on Spain street, three doors from First-street West, where she will carry on a store similar to the one destroyed by fire last September.

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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of George W. Hambleton, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY the undersigned, Marcellus Morgan, administrator of the estate of George W. Hambleton, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the law office of H. P. Mathewson, Esq., No. 704 1/2 East Napa street in the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, State of California, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the said County of Sonoma, State of California.
MARCELLUS MORGAN, Administrator of the estate of George W. Hambleton, deceased.
Dated at Sonoma, California, November 24, 1911.
H. P. MATHEWSON, Attorney for estate.
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